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Soviet Defector a Major In K.G.B., a Paper Says

BONN, Jan. 10 (UPI) — A Soviet interpreter who defected to West Germany with a bundle of secret documents was a major in the K.G.B., the Soviet intelligence service, the Vienna newspaper Die Presse reported today.

The defector, Viktor N. Korolyuk, was said to be divulging Soviet secrets during interrogation by West German intelligence officers.

Mr. Korolyuk, who was an interpreter at the East-West troop reduction talks in Vienna, fled to West Germany a week before Christmas. His defection was reported two days ago.

He has been questioned almost daily by the head of West German intelligence, Klaus Kinkel, a former Foreign Office official who has thorough knowledge of the Vienna talks, the West German newspaper Die Welt reported.

Die Welt said German intelligence sources reported that "the Russian's statements are even more revealing than the documents he brought with him."

In Vienna, Die Presse reported, without quoting sources, that Mr. Korolyuk used a diplomatic passport to take a flight to West Germany. An interpreter would not normally have a diplomatic passport, Die Presse said.